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Fluorescent Lighting

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-13, 31, 32, 38, and 39 are pending in this application. Claims 14-30 and 33-37 were previously cancelled due to a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,253,066 (Wilhite). Claims 3-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 9-13, 31, 32, 38, and 39 are allowed.

No claims are amended in this paper.